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For: Liquid Crystal Display Device and Method for Producing the Same

# RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the notice to file missing parts of nonprovisional application, the period for response to which is set to expire on April 28, 2002. The following items are submitted in response to the notice:

a signed oath or declaration;

an English translation of the specification accompanied by a signed statement by the translator which certifies that the translation is accurate;

the late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(1) of \$65 for a small entity;

the \$130 fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) for processing a nonprovisional application filed with a specification in a language other than English;

payment of \$42 for one independent claim in excess of 3; and

substitute drawings which are required because the originally filed drawings contained text that is not in English.

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The notice indicates that the U.S. Patent Office was unable to determine the number of claims filed with the application because the specification was filed in a language other than English. It has now been determined that the application was filed with 17 claims, 4 of which are independent claims. It is believed that an additional fee of \$42 is required to pay for 1 independent claim in excess of 3. Accordingly, the payment which accompanies this response includes payment for 1 extra independent claim. The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment and charge any deficiency in any fees in connection with this submission to Deposit Account No. 02-0200.

As noted above, the required substitute drawings are submitted herewith. The substitute drawings are attached to the English translation of the specification.

Also submitted herewith is a copy of the notice to file missing parts.

Respectfully submitted,

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

#### Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The application was filed in a language other than English. Applicant is required to provide an English translation of the specification and a statement that the translation is accurate. (See 37 CFR 1.52(d)).
- Applicant must file an English translation of the application, the \$ 130 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i). unless previously submitted, and a statement that the translation is accurate (37 CFR 1.52(d)).
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 195.
- Because your specification was filed in a language other than English, the Office was unable to determine the number of claims submitted. Additional claim fees may be due once the number of claims can be determined.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing figures contain text that is not in English (including, for example, a flow chart that was originally not in English that has been marked up to include the English text) see 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) and 37 CFR 1.52(d)(1);

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